

(LTIPP) for the Defence Forces. 5 year Services Capital Acquisition Plan are then drawn up from the LTIPP. The 5 year plans are further broken into Annual Acquisition Plans (AAPs) comprising of those schemes that have been categorized and acceptance of necessity accorded. AAPs are based on a two year acquisition cycle and cater for adequate cushion to safeguard against surrender of funds. Amendments in the Annual Acquisition Plan are carried out if considered necessary on account of national security objectives, operational urgency, etc.

The progress of these plans is reviewed/monitored at regular intervals at various levels to ensure their implementation in a time-bound manner.

Sexual harassment of women defence officers

2292. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether women defence officers have complained about being sexually harassed and victimized by their senior officers;
- (b) whether the Court of Inquiry found the accused *prima facie* guilty of the charges; and
- (c) if so, the measures taken to protect the reverence of lady officers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) There have been a few isolated cases where women officers have alleged sexual harassment and victimization by their senior officers. In two such cases reported during the current year, Courts of Inquiry were instituted. Only in one case some *prima facie* evidence could be found.

The Defence forces take appropriate measures for the safety and security of its personnel including women. Any complaint of sexual harassment of women officers is viewed seriously and is investigated and dealt with in accordance with relevant provisions of respective Services Acts.

Compensation to farmers for use of their land for Defence

2294. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to pay

compensation to those farmers whose land has been used for defence purpose to build bunkers and small ditches around the villages, on Indo-Pak border, particularly in J&K from 1971 onwards;

- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has directed to prepare list of those farmers to whom compensation has not been paid yet?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The details are being collected from Army Authorities and Directorate General of Defence Estates and the information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Infiltration of terrorists into Defence Forces

2296. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the veracity of the news carried by major national dailies on 26th July, 2006 about infiltration of certain terrorist outfits like Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) into Indian Defence Forces;
- (b) whether National Security Advisor to Government has also cautioned about potential threats to security/surveillance set-up, arising from infiltration of Jehadi elements into Indian Defence Forces and other security organizations;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures initiated, if any, by Government to overcome vulnerability of Defence establishments to infiltration by forces, inimical to India, especially in the light of the said caution?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY) : (a) to (d) There is no corroborative evidence to prove the veracity of infiltration of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) into Indian Defence Forces. Suitable safeguards already exist in the system to guard against elements inimical to the interest of national security infiltrating into the forces. System already exists for detailed verification and vetting of antecedents of personnel from the pre-recruitment stage. Regular scrutiny and investigations are undertaken to rule out attempts of inimical elements to infiltrate into the Armed Forces. This is an ongoing process.